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OCTOBER MILK PRODUCTION IN PENNSYLVANIA UP 1.8 PERCENT

HARRISBURG --- Milk production in **Pennsylvania** during October 1999 totaled 895 million pounds, up 1.8 percent from last year, according to the Pennsylvania Agricultural Statistics Service (PASS). The number of milk cows in the state during the month averaged 617,000 head, up 1,000 from September, but 4,000 less than October 1998. Production per cow averaged 1,450 pounds in October, 35 pounds more than both September 1999 and October 1998.

Milk production in the **20 states surveyed** during October 1999 totaled 11.6 billion pounds, 4.3 percent above production in these states in October 1998. September revised production, at 11.2 billion pounds, was up 4.9 percent from September 1998.

The number of milk cows averaged 7.75 million head, 57,000 head more than October 1998, but 1,000 head less than September 1999. October is the first month that the dairy cow herd has not expanded from the previous month in the 20 major states since February of this year. The total increase from February to September was 51,000 head of cows.

Production per cow in the 20 major states averaged 1,496 pounds for October, 50 pounds above October 1998.

During the July-September period, the 20 major states produced 86.3 percent of the nation's production. If producers in the remaining 30 states not surveyed monthly followed the trend shown by the 20 reporting states, U.S. milk production for October would be 13.5 billion pounds.